

Our Bible School.

PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

PSALM CXXVII.

Subject: "Solomon's Psalm."

- a. Written by Solomon.
- b. Note how practical it is—it speaks of building houses, defending and governing cities, and the rearing of children. It naturally divides itself into two parts.

I. The Lord in Our Business Affairs.

- a. He builds in vain who doesn't build his house and conduct the business of his home with an eye single to God's glory. V. 1. Luke 12:16-21.

- b. If in our public affairs, our politics, our government, our school system, etc., we don't consult God's glory, watchmen, guns, and fortifications are worthless. Ps. 33:12.

- c. If we neglect God's glory and righteousness in our business affairs, God will bring our labors and sorrows to naught.

- 1. Business shall perish if it be unrighteous. Isa. 10:1-4; Hab. 2:15. 2. What good is money, if in getting it we have offended God, and must use it with sore conscience? Hab. 2:6, 9-14.

II. In Our Family Affairs.

- a. Children should be answers to prayer rather than accidents of lust V. 3, Hab. 1:11; I Sam. 1:11-27; Luke 1:13.

- b. Children, a blessing when given by the Lord. V. 4.

- c. Is the modern prejudice against large families sanctioned by the Bible? V. 5.

Central thought, "Christ in all we do."

J. L. GILLIN.

SELECTED POINTS FOR BIBLE STUDENTS.

J. M. BOWMAN.

"The Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible."—Moody. Explains the dislike of many for the study of the Bible.

"The blood of Christ cleanses us from the guilt of sin, the study of the word of God keeps us clean."—R. A. Torrey.

"If we are quiet we shall hear."—Eccl. 9:17.

"If we hear we shall be quiet." Prov. 1:33—Moody.

"Sin and unrest are like fever in a man. The sufferer rolls from one side to another, forgetting that so long as fever is in him he can find no rest."—Alex McKenzie.

"The scripture is the sun; the church the clock. The sun we know to be sure, and regularly constant in his motions; the clock as it may fall out, may go too

fast or too slow. As then we should condemn him of folly that should profess to trust the clock rather than the sun, so we can not but justly tax the credulity of those who would rather trust to the church than to the scriptures."—Bishop Hall.

"A little child was one day playing with a very valuable vase, when he put his hand into it and could not withdraw it. His father, too, tried his best to get it out, but all in vain. They were talking of breaking the vase, when the father said, 'Now my son, make one more try; open your hand and hold your fingers out straight, as you see me doing, and then pull.' To their astonishment the little fellow said, 'Oh no, pa, I couldn't put out my fingers like that, for if I did, I would lose my penny.' He had been holding on to a penny all the time! No wonder he could not withdraw his hand. How many of us are like him! Drop the copper, surrender, let go and God will give you Gold."—Jahn McNeil.

Of Ion Keith-Falconer, Dr. A. T. Pierson says: "If his stalwart manhood won applause, much more his sterling worth. He had inward symmetry, and was too strong and brave of soul to be overcome of his own lusts, or enticed. He loved truth and had no patience with shams or frauds; and reminds one of the statue, which represents Veracity standing with open face, the mask of dissimulation lying at the feet, cleft with the sword of Sincerity. The Bible was the one book he loved; from the dawn of his intelligence he was its faithful and loyal student, and sought by obedience to get new knowledge of its true spirit and meaning."

Glenford, O.

Church News.

Vernalis, Calif.

On the evening of Sept. 20, brother Martin Shively, of Lathrop, Calif., opened a series of meetings in our Brethren church nearly two miles south of Vernalis. He labored hard and faithfully until the evening of the 26th, when, considering everything that had a bearing on the subject, he thought it best to discontinue for the time being. At first the attendance and interest were comparatively small, but there was a gradual and satisfactory growth in both up to the end. Had it not been that Brother Shively had labored so hard for us during our camp meeting and up to this time, we would have insisted on him to remain with us longer, but the pastor must be cared for as well the flock. He also has an extensive program before him as our evangelist, which makes it advisable for him to have a little rest and a lit-

tle time for preparation whenever he can.

There was some talk of making an effort to effect an organization, but after mature private consideration, it was thought best not to call a meeting for that purpose now. This is yet what is held and known as an arm or a class, in the Lathrop church. We feel, however, that it will not be long until a complete organization shall be effected here.

We have now a Sunday-school and Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, as well as a S. S. of C. E., all of which are doing as well as could be expected in the time and place.

We have not lately had any regular preaching here, but our Brother Shively now agrees to give us his services every fifth Sunday in a month until other arrangements can be made. It is our earnest prayer and hope that for this favor he may be abundantly blessed and remunerated, and that the good cause may be greatly strengthened and advanced in this place.

J. W. BEER.

Galesburg, Kans.

Brother Arthur Brubaker, assisted by our pastor, brother W. J. Hannan, began a series of meetings Sept. 25, in our Pleasant View Church, two miles north of Galesburg. As a result of the first month's effort, five were baptized today. Brother Brubaker is wonderfully endowed with the Spirit and every Christian in his audience seems to catch the inspiration of the Spirit and of his enthusiasm. He will be a power in revival work if his health will only permit of continual physical and mental effort. Brother Hannan preached a powerful sermon today on the design and mode of baptism. We are proud of our pastor, and still believe God sent him among us. And, by the way, he was discovered to us through the EVANGELIST.

He has talent, education and a thorough knowledge of the scriptures, backed by grace and zeal. He is strong in the defense of the gospel, both in the pulpit and in private. We are sure that if we can keep him among us that God will use him to accomplish a great work in southeastern Kansas.

J. L. HAMILTON.

Auburn, Ill.

Closed meeting after three weeks hard preaching at McLouth, Wednesday night. Result, twenty-three confessions, of which twenty have been baptized. One, also, by letter, from G. B's. Three weeks more promised to double the number. Praise God once more for victory. Had to leave to get to Indiana by next Sunday. God bless you.

LOUIS S. BAUMAN.